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BUYERS AND SELLERS.

DR. TALMAGE IN THE TABERNACLE PULPIT-

He Preaches a Practical Sermon on the Difficulties of Business Life---Some Good

At the service in the Academy of Music Sunday morning Dr. Talmage and it will pay to be very announced as his textProverbs 20:14: "It is naught, it is naught, saith; the sermon in full:

Palaces are not such prisons as the world imagines. If you think that the only time when kings and queens you are mistaken. Incognito, by day or by night, and clothed in citizens' apparel, or the dress of a working woman they come out and see the world as it is. In no other way could King Solomon, the author of my text, have known everything that was going on. From my text I am sure he must, in disguise, some day have walked into a store of ready-made clothing, in Jerusalem, and stood conversation between a buyer and a a coat, and the customer began to dicker and said: "Absurd! that coat is not worth what you ask for it. Why, just look at the coarseness of the fabric! See that spot on the collar! Besides that it does not fit. Twenty dollars for that! Why, it isn't worth over ten. They have a better article than that, and for a cheaper price, down at Cloathem, Fite n & Brothers. Besides that, I don't want it at any price. Good morning." "Hold," says the merchant, "don't go off in that way. I want to sell you that coat. I have some payments to make and I want the money. Come now, how much will you give me for that coat? "Well," says the customer, "I will split the difference. You asked me twenty dollars, and I said ten. Now, I will give you fifteen." "Well," says the merchant, "it's a great sacrifice, but take it at that price." Then Solomon saw the customer with a roll under his arm start and go out and enter his own place of business, and Solomon in disguise followed him. He heard the customer as he unrolled the coat say: "Boys, I have made a great bargain. How much do you guess I gave for that coat?"
"Well," says one, wishing to compliment his enterprise, "you gave \$30 for it." Another says: "I should think you got it cheap if you gave \$25." "No," says the buyor in triumph, "I got it for \$15. I beat him down and pointed out the imperfections, until I really made him believe it was not worth hardly anything. It takes me to make a bargain. Ha! ha!" Oh man, you got the goods for less than they were worth by positive falsehood; and no wonder when Solomon got back to his palace and had put of his disguise, that he sat down at his writing-deak and made for all ages a crayon sketch

There are no higher styles of men in all the world than those now at the head of merchandise in Brooklyn and New York and the other great cities of this continent. Their casual promise is as good as a bond with piles of collaterals. Their reputation for integrity is as well established as that of Petrarch residing in the family of Cardinal Colonna, and when there was a great disturbance in the family the cardinal called all his people together, and put them under oath to tell the truth, except Petrarch, for, when he came up to swear, the cardinal put away his book and said, "As to you Petrarch, your word is sufficient." Never since the world stood have there been so many merchants whose transactions can stand the test of the ten commandments. Such bargainmakers are all the more to be honored | that unravel, old furniture rejubecause they have withstood, year after year, temptations which have flung many so flat, and flung them so hard they can never recover themselves. While all positions in life have powerful besetments to evil, there are specific forms of allurement which are peculiar to each occupation and profession, and it will be useful to speak of the peculiar temptations of business men.

of you: "It is naught, it is naught,

saith the buyer, but when he is gone

his way, then he boasteth.

First, as in the scene of the text, sacrifice plain truth, the seller by exaggerating the value of goods, and the buyer by depreciating them. We cannot but admire an expert salesman. See how he first induces the customer into a mood favorable to with a large stock of goods warranted the proper consideration of the value to keep. of the goods. He shows himself to be an honest and frank salesman. medium quality, he gradually advan- virtue by being multiplied and adces toward those of more thorough mitted at brokers' board or mer-

to fix up things.

ing papers shows the arrival at one of our hotels of a young merchant from one of the inland cities. He is a comparative stranger in the great city, and, of course, he must be shown around, and it will be the duty of some of our enterprising houses to escort him. He is a large purchaser and has plenty of time and "money, attentive. The evening is spent at a place of doubtful amusement. Then

agems by which goods are sometimes

disposed of. A glance at the morn-

buyer; but when he is gone his way, they go back to the must, of just come to town, they must, of they go back to the hotel. Having then he boasteth." Following is his course, drink. A friend from the same mercantile establishment drops in, and usage and generosity suggest that they must drink. Business prospects are talked over, and the stranger is warned against certain come forth from the royal gates is in dilapidated mercantile establishments procession and gorgeously attended, that are about to fail, and for such kindness and magnanimity of caution against the dishonesty of other business houses, of course it is expected they will-and so they dothey take a drink. Other merchants hard to sleep for the clatter of decanters, and the course carousal of these "hail fellows well met" waxes louder. But they sit not all night at the wine cup. They must see the sights. They stagger forth with cheeks near the counter and overheard a flushed and eyes bloodshot. The

outer gates of hell open to let in the seller. The merchant put a price on victims. The wings of lost souls flit among the lights, and the steps of the carousers sound with the rumbling thunders of the damned. Farewell to all the sanctities of home! Could mother, sister, father, slumbering in the inland home, in some vision of night catch a glimpse of the ruin wrought they would rend out their hair by roots and bite the tongue till the blood spurted, shricking out: God save him.

What, suppose you, will come upon such business establishments? and there are hundreds of them in the cities. They may boast of fabulous sales, and they may have an unprecedented run of buyers, and the name of the house may be a terror to all rivals, and from this thrifty root there

may spring up branch houses in other

cities, and all the partners of the firm

may move into their mansions and

drive their full-blooded span, and the families may sweep the street with the most elegant apparel that human art ever wove, or earthly magnificence ever achieved. But a curse is gathering somewhere for those men, and if it does not seize hold of the pillars and in one wild ruin bring down the temple of commercial glory, it will break up their peace, and they will tremble with sickness and bloat with dissipations, and, pushed to the precipice of this life, they will try to hold | England village was standing by a back, and cry for help, but no help horse, and the horse lifted his foot to will come, and they will clutch their gold to take it along with them, but merchant, to escape the splash, it will be snatched from their grasp, and a voice will sound through their soul, "Not a farthing, thou beggared spirit!" And the judgment will come | surance?" "Oh," said the merchant, and they will stand aghast before it,

time will gather around them, saying, "Do you remember this?" and "Do burned. Was it all accidental that you remember that?" And clerks that they compelled to dishonesty, horse's foot, stepped into the insurand runners and draymen and bookkeepers who saw behind the scenes, will bear testimony to their nefarious deeds, and some virtuous soul that dential! What peace and equilibrium once stood aghast at the splendor and power of these business men will say: 'Alas! this is all that is left of that great firm that occupied a block with

and all the business iniquities of a life-

their merchandise and overshadowed the city with their influence, and made righteousness and truth and purity fall under the galling fire of avarice and crime."

While we admire and approve of all acuteness and tact in the sale of goods, we must condemn any process by which a fabric or product is represented as possessing a value which it really does not have. Nothing but sheer falsehood can represent as perfection boots that rip, silks that speedily lose their luster, calicoes that immediately wash out, stoves that crack under the first hot fire, books insufficiently bound, carpets venated with putty and glue and sold as having been recently manufactured, gold watches made out of brass, barrels of fruit, the biggest apples on top; wine adulterated with strychnine, hosiery poorly woven, cloths of do mestic manufacture shining with

foreign labels, imported goods represented as rare and hard to get, be cause foreign exchange is so high, rolled out on the counter with metchless display. Imported indeed! but business men are often tempted to from the factory in the next street. A pattern already unfashionable and unsalable palmed off as a new print upon some country merchant who has come to town to make his first purchase of dry goods and going home

There are a hundred practices pre valent in the world of traffic which How earefully the lights are arranged ought never to become the rule for until they fall just right upon the honest men. Their wrong does not fabric! Beginning with the goods of make your right. Sin never becomes

make, and of more attractive pat-chants' exchange. Because others How he watches the moods smuggle a few things in passenger and whims of his customer! With trunks, because others take usury what perfect calmness he takes the when men are in tight places, because order and bows the purchaser from others deal in fancy stocks, because his presence, who goes away having others palm off worthless indorsemade up his mind that he has ments, because others do nothing but bought the goods at a price which blow bubbles, do not, therefore, be will allow him a living margin when overcome of temptation. Hollow prehe again sells them. The goods are tension and fictitious credit and comworth what the salesman said they mercial gambling may awhile prosper, were, and were sold at a price which but the day of reckoning cometh, and will not make it necessary for the in addition to the horror and con- of the breeze soothe the man who

house to fail every ten years in order demnation of outraged communities, now can find his only enjoyment in the curse of God will come, blow the stock market? Will leaf and cloud But with what burning indigna- after blow. God's will forever and and fountain charm the eye that has tion we think of the iniquitous strat- foreveris the only standard of right for three-ferreths of a life time found al, S. C.

mation?

and wrong, and not commercial its chief beauty in hogshoads and bills of sale? Will parents be com-

Young business man, avoid the first business dishonor, and you will avoid all the rest. The captain of a vessel tricated by any ingenuity of your he threw open the gates and let the

Again, business men are sometimes tempted to throw off personal responsibility upon the moneyed institution to which they belong. Directors in banks and railroads and insurance companies sometimes shirk personal responsibility underneath the action of the corporation. And how often when some banking house or financial institution explodes through fraud, respectable men in the board of directors say: "Why, I thought all was going on in an honest way, and I am utterly confounded with this misdemeanor!" The banks, and the fire and life and marine insurance comlast day, but those who in them acted righteonsly will receive, each for himself, a reward, and those who will, each for himself, receive a con-

fiings open all the avenues of the im-

mortal nature, and the surrender is

omplete.

lemnation Again, many business men have been tempted to postpone their enjoyments and duties to a future season of entire leisure. What a sedative the Christian religion would be to all our business men if, instead of postpouing its uses to old age or death, they would take it into store or factory, or worldly engagements now! It is folly to go amid the uncertainties of business life with no God to help! A merchant in a New stamp it in a pool of water, and the stepped into the door of an insurance agent, and the agent said: "I suppose you have come to renew your fire in-"I had forgotten that." The insurance was renewed, and the next day the house that had been insured was the merchant, to escape a splash from a ance office! No, it was providential And what a mighty solace for a busi ness man to feel that things are proviin such a consideration, and what a grand thing if all business men could realize it!

Many, although now comparatively straightened in wordly circumstan ces, have a goodly establishment in the future planned out. They have in imagination built about twenty years ahead a house in the country not difficult of access from the great town, for they will often have busi ness, or old accounts to settle, and investments to look after. The house is large enough to accommodate all their friends. The balls are wide and hung with pictures of hunting scenes and a branch of antlers, and are comfortable with chairs that can be rolled out on the veranda when the weather is inviting, or set out under some of the oaks that stand sentinel about the house, and rustling in the cool breeze, and songful with the robins. There is just land enough to keep them interested, and its crops of almost fabulous richness springing up under application of the best theories to be found in the agricultural journals. The farm is well stocked with cattle and horses, an I sheep that know the voice and have a kindly bleat when one goes forth to look at them. In this blissful abode their chil tren will be instructed in art and science and religion. This shall be the old homestead to which the boys at college will direct their letters, and the hill on which the house stands will be called Gukwood or Ivy Hill or Pleasant Retreat or Eagle Eyrie. May the future have for every business man here all that and more beside! But are you postponing your appiness to that time? Are you adjourning your joys to that consum-

Suppose that you achieve all you expect—and the vision I mention is not up to the reality, because the fountains will be brighter, the house granper, and the scenery more pic turesque—the mistake is none the less fatal What charm will there be in rural quiet for a man who has thirty or forty years been conforming his entire nature to the excitements of business? Will flocks and herds. with their bleat and moan, be able to silence the insatiable spirit of acquisitiveness which has for years had full swing in the soul? Will the hum

petent to rear their children for high and holy purpose, if their infancy and HE CAVE HIS LIFE IN DEFENCE OF boyhood and girlhood were neglected, was walking near the mouth of a when they are almost ready to enter river when the tide was low, and there upon the world and have all their was a long stout anchor chain, into habits fixed and their principles one of the great links of which his stereotyped? No, no; now is the time foot slipped, and it began to swell and he could not withdraw it. The tide began to rise. The chain could to be a Christian. Are you too busy? not be loosened nor filed off in tie. I have known men as busy as you are and a surgeon was called to amputate, who had a place in the store-loft the limb, but before the work could where they went to pray. Some one be done, the tide rolled over the victim, and his life was gone. And I have to tell you, young man, that just "I can always find a quict place at name is unknown. Immediately afone wrong into which you slip may be a link of a long chain of circuming the season, if your heart is right, troops belonging to Sherman's army stances from which you cannot be ex- you can find a place to pray. Broadway and Fulton street are good places own, or any help from others, and to pray in as you go to meet your the tides will roll over you as they various engagements. Go home a have over many. When Pompey, the little earlier and get introduced to great a various to pray in as you go to meet your be disbanded. The night of which I rant or elsewhere. The pie eater of the West the heavy constraints that in 1889, the have over many. When Pompey, the warrior, wanted to take possession of your children. Be not a gallery-slave speak, a regiment of negro troops the West, the bean consumer of the average date of seeding being Decema city, and they would not open the by day and night, lashed fast to the were encamped in Newberry, near East, the "chitling" masticator of the ber 1st. As usual, the early sowing gates, he persuaded them to admit a our of passings. Let every day have the railroad depot. sick soldier. But the sick soldier its hour of worship and intellectual lodging in adjoining rooms find it after a while got well and strong, and culture and recreation. Show your her citizens subjected to all the inself greater than your business. Act devastating army come in. One wrong admitted into the soul may gain in strength until after a while, it

not as though after death you would dignities that a drunken negro mob enter upon an eternity of railroad could offer. A government train was stocks and coffee and ribbon. Roast not them running from a point twentyyour manhood before the perpetual five miles north of Columbia to fires of anxiety. With every yard of Greenville to carry soldiers and refucloth you sell, throw not in your soul gees as near their homes as possible. to boot. Use firkin, counting room, This night as the train slowed up at desk and hardware crate as the step the depot it was immediately surto glorious usefulness and Christian rounded by a drunken, howling character. Decide once and forever crowd of negro soldiers. On board who shall be master in your store, you the train were two ladies. The neor your business. Men appreciate the importance of a set of demons set free from the innaving a good business stand, a store fernal regions, while white soldiers on the right side of the street or in on board were helpless and at their

the right block. Now every place of culture. God's angels hover over the | tectors! up those who are trying to do their duty. To-morrow, if in your place of meanor, one would judge him to be panies, and the railroad companies, for it, you will hear a sound louder will not stand up for judgment in the than the rattle of drays and the sive head of hair well became his shuffle of feet and the chink of dol- brawny face. He plainly showed lars, stealing into your soul, saying: acted the part of neglect or trickery and His righteousness, and all other wild carouse one of the drunken neput their valuables in a safe not fire- friend; will no one protect me?" into their partnership the world, the light like those of the wild beast flesh and the devil, and the enemy of ready to spring upon its prey. The righteousness will boast through eternal ages that the man who in all his above his head and with a mighty business life could not be outwitted blow was buried to its hilt in the or over-reached, at last tumbling into | breast of the black ruffian | With a spiritual defalcation, and was swindled out of heaven.

> Perhaps some of you saw the fire United States mint will turn to ashes. light will show the righteous the way clared he had found the man; he to their thrones. Their best treas- seized one of the officials of the railures in heaven, they will go up and road, and others coming up, with take possession of them. The toils of equal positiveness swore to his idenbusiness life, which racked their brain | tity. Violent hands were lain upon and rasped their nerves for so many the innocent man, while the drunken the weary are at rest.'

Why She Called a Hak.

"George!" It was't what she said so much as the way in which she said it. She took the word and drew it out until it was a long, tremulous filament of death? With his hand he had prosweetness. Yet there was a tingle of reproof in her tone.

"George!" She only said it once in reality, but it is customary with story writers to say George twice under the circumstances. "What is it?"

with great regularity and emphasis for some time.

"I know it," he replied, with the his manly nature. "Please don't do it any more," and her voice dropped almost into a whis-

"No more?" This sounded like heartthrobs of anguish (whatever they are) and his form shook with emotion. Why not?

"Because" she faltered. "Go on.

"Because, I'm getting a corn on my little finger.'

The Right Spirit. Visitor: "You're getting to be pretty old man, Uncle Johua. Uncle Joshua: "Eighty years." Visitor; "And you don't have to use glasses yet, I understand.

Uncle Joshua: "No, an' I don't outen a bettle, I'll take a dipper an' drink watter. -The Senate Committee on Naval Senator Butler's bill for the con-

struction of a dry dock at Port Roy-

A BRAVE TEXAN.

WOMAN. The Story Connected With a Lonely Grave

Near Newberrs - the Brave Man Dige Mis Grave-Assist Occis of Chivalry D. A. Dickert in the Atlanta Constitution,

NEWBERRY, S. C., April 13.—A little mound near the cotton mills in New berry, S. C., covers the remains of troops belonging to Sherman's army floor and dulls the intellectual atmoswere marched by different routes to phere with platitudes. This drives 91 per cent. broadcasted. The drilled

The town had been plundered, and groes swarmed through the cars like mercy. What a place for two helpbusiness is a good stand for spiritual less women without friends or pro

world of traffic to sustain and build | In the coach with the ladies was a soldier, and from his dress and deworldly engagement you will listen from Texas. He was tall and stately, sive head of hair well became his that he had been a determined fol-"Seek ye first the kingdom of God lower of the lost cause. In their things shall be added unto you." Yet groes came to where the ladies sat some of those sharpest at a bargain and commenced to offer insults and are cheated out of their immortal indignities to the younger, too reblessedness by stratagems more pal- volting in their nature for rehearpable than any "drop game" of the sal. In trying to release herself from street. They make investments in his loathsome embrace, she cried out things everlastingly below par. They in despair: "My God, have I no proof. They give full credit to in- a moment a voice was heard in the fluences that will not be able to pay one cent on a dollar. They plunge into a labyrinth from which no bankrupt law or "two-thirds enactment" will ever extricate them. They take into the control of the unknown Texan was seen rapidly approaching along the aisle. His eyes shone in the dim your breath away."

wild yell he leaped from the car and fell dead upon the side-track. The stranger quietly walked out of in New York in 1835. Aged men tell | the coach at the other end, and stepus that it beggared all description. ped a few paces away, under cover of Some stood on the house-tops of the darkness, and waited develop-Brooklyn, and looked at the red ruin ments. He had not long to wait. that swept down the streets, and All the imps of darkness turned loose threatened to obliterate the metrop- could not have equalled the uproar olis. But the commercial world and tumult this deed created. Word will yet be startled by a greater con- flew to camp that one of their comflagration, even the last. Bills of ex- rades had been murdered by a Conchange, policies of insurance, mort- federate soldier. A wild rush was gages and bonds and government made for the train, and for a few securities, will be consumed in one moments it looked as if all on board lick of the flame. The bourse and would be put to death. Search was made for the murderer, declaring Gold will run molten into the dust of that if found he would be put to the street. Exchanges and granite death at once. The stranger stood blocks of merchandise will fall with a but a few feet away, quietly listening crash that will make the earth trem to his death sentence, as the soldiers ble. The flashing-up of the great madly rushed by. At last one de-

years, will have forever ceased. "There mass that crowded around him seemthe wicked cease from troubling, and ed as if they would crush him to death. His vain pleadings of innocence were drowned by the wild yells of the surging crowd. He was being carried away for execution. Where was the unknown Texan? He had shown his courage, now would he waver in the face of immediate tected the person of defenceless women, by dyeing it in the blood of her assailants, would be stand by and see an innocent man die in his stead?

With calm deliberation, without any emotion whatever, he made his way to the maddened crowd, and "You have been squeezing my hand with a loud voice said: "Turn this man loose, he is innocent. I am the one who did it—now do your worst!' This gave new impetus to the drunken frankness that was characteristic of crowd, and he was hurried away to camp. A drumhead court-martial was convened, and he was condemned to be immediately shot. While he was being tried, word flew like lightning over the town that a white man was to be shot, and every negro nto camp and surrounded the brave Texan, offering him every insult and indignity that their wicked souls could invent. The negro women outdid the men in rejoicing over the fate of the prisoner. Even the bloodthirsty and cruel Queen Esther could not have rejoiced more over her cap-

At half-past twelve a spade was given the condemned and he was order ed to dig his grave. Selecting a spot near the brow of the hill, hecommenced even calculate to. When I can't drink the heartrending task of digging his out, and the brave Texan falls dead in the frauds.

in his grave, amid the deafening shouts of the multitude, leaving behind him the grandest tribute to Southern chivalry-men who give their lives to protect the honor of inknown women.

DICK WINTERSMITH OF KENTUCKY.

Iwo Stories About Him Which Make Con gressmen Laugh.

Washington, April 17.—Hard fightng on the floor of the House produces good stories. The rougher the ground year, and the condition is 30 per cent. the better the crop. At the end of a vicious spat in the House some solemn statesman usually secures the Hessian fly. The damage by winter freezes was nominal. About 9 per Gulf States, the terrapin admirer of is reported in better condition than the Eastern Shore, retail many an the late. amusing story while smacking their debate.

always brings another of the same

Kentucky was retailed. It is said same time in 1889. that not long ago he went to John Chamberlin's hotel for breakfast. He indulged in breakfast and onions. The steak was succulent and the onions onel emjoyed the meal hugely. After swallowing an extra cup of coffee he called for his check. It amounted to over \$2. He protested strenuously, saying that it was an outrageous price. John Chamberlin laughed at him and offered to "chalk his hat." The Colonel, however, with true Kentucky hauteur, refused the favor. He paid the bill. Not long afterward an acquaintance entered. Turning to the Colonel, he said:

"My appetite is a little off this norning. I hardly know what to orler for breakfast. The Colonel advised him to try

eefsteak and onions. "There is nothing more palatable," ais friend responded, "and nothing that would satisfy my appetite so well, but I have to attend several receptions this afternoon, and am afraid that that the onions will taint my breath.

our breath away Another story told of Colonel Winersmith is well worth repeating. blade of a knife was seen to glitter When the Colonel first went to Washington, many years ago, he strolled up to the Capitol. While wander ng through the corridors he accidentally stumbled into the public gallery of the United States Sen-

The galleries were packed. Charles Sumner was making a speech, Everybody listened with breathless interest. When Mr. Sumner closed, Garrett of the cotton acreage for 1890. Davis arose. Mr. Davis enjoyed the nickname of Garrulous Davis. As he began to speak there was a rush from the galleries. Colonel Wintersmith was astounded. He recognized Mr. Mr. Davis and became indignant. Drawing a brace of revolvers he said:

"Gentlemen, you will please keep your seats. The Senator from Kentucky is talking, and you must hear him.

Every man resumed his seat instantly. Among the number was an name Randall's successor. The disold Jerseyman, who was wedged in a trict is undoubtedly Democratic, but front seat between two negroes. Gar- the fight which is now in prospect rett Davis talked for three hours. may result in the election of a Re-The Jerseyman drew many a long publican. The only avowed candibreath, but he never swerved. When the speech was ended he walked up McAleer, a shrewd politician who has to Colonel Wintersmith and with some emotion said:

he Senttor from Kentucky who was addressing us?"

"Yes, sir," responded the Kentucky Kentucky. Have you any fault to find with his speech?

"N-n-no," the Jerseyman stammered, "but I want to ask one favor of you. The next time you catch me in this gallery when the Senator from | Kentucky arises to speak, please don't warn me, but shoot—shoot made Republican. This statement is right off-the quicker the better."

The Cost of Tying Shoestrings.

One of the managers of a big Eastern knitting mill has made a calculation that the shoestrings of a working girl will come untied three times per diem, and that a girl will lose about 50 seconds every time she stoops to retie them. Most of the employes have two feet, so this entails a loss of 300 seconds every day for that could possibly go came rushing each girl. There are about 400 girls employed in this factory, and therefore the gentleman finds that 43,800,-000 seconds are wasted in the course of a year, which time at the average rate of wages, is worth \$943.17 1. Orders have accordingly been issued that the girls must wear only button shoes or congress gaiters under penalty of discharge.

An Unfaithful Employee.

London, April, 17.—A sensation has been caused in Bradford by the own grave. Spadeful after spadeful arrest of Francis Stubbs, who was at Affairs has agreed to report favorably am ready." A breathless stillness mitted frauds amounting to thousSOUTH CAROLINA'S CROPS.

The Condition of the Farming Interest of the State as Indicated by the Reports to

the Department of Agriculture From the reports of the correspond ents of the Department of Agricul ture in all parts of the State the following facts have been learned and the estimates as to the condition of the crops given therewith been made

GRAIN.

The acreage in wheat has been decreased about 7 per cent. below last less than at the same last year, and has been materially injured by the cent. of the crop was drilled against

The acreage in oats is reported at lips over their beer, ice water, whis- about the sume as last year and the key or champagne. There were a condition is 16 per cent. below that of great many of these stories told in last year. The falling off is attributed he restaurant during the Oklahoma largely to the ravages of the Hessian One good story of a good man fly, and a small percentage has been injured by the late freezes.

The acreage in both rye and barley has been slightly reduced and the One of Col. Dick Wintersmith of condition is not so good as at the

The remarkably open winter has been very favorable to live stock of all were crisp and not greasy. The Col- kinds and they are reported as in generally fine condition. The deaths from winter exposure have been nominal and contined to but few localities. The percentage of loss from diseases is exceptionally small. About 5 per cent. of the hogs in the State have died from cholera.

COTTON ON HAND.

It is estimated that 21 per cent., or 3,000 bales, of last year's crop is still a the hands of the growers.

DECREASE IN FARM SUPPLIES

Judging from the reports of the department's correspondents, the farmers of the State are in better condi tion than ever before. Notwithstanding the enormous increase in the quantity of commercial fertilizers purchased, the decrease in farm supolies purchased is per cent. on than last year.

There is a scarcity of labor reported from some sections, on account of the emigration of the negro farm hands turpentine farms of Georgia and Florida. One hundred and fifty five correspondents report labor as 'good," seven as "bad" and sixty-five s "indifferent."

COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

From November 1st, 1889, to April 1st, 1890, about 165,000 tons of commercial fertilizers were sold in the State, against 126,568 tons for the same period in 1889-'89-an increase of about 30 per cent. over last year, which would indicate a large increase

Corn planting has been finished in many sections and cotton planting is progressing rapidly.

RANDALL'S SUCCESSOR.

State Senator McAlcer the Most Prominent

Candidate-

Philadelphia, April 17.—There will be a bitter struggle among the Demo cratic leaders of this city for the control of the convention which will date as yet is State Senator William been fighting Randall's friends all his life. McAleer's friends claim that "Did I understand you that it was they can control the district, but Esquire McMullen and others of Randall's friends will be against him, as will also ex-Postmaster Harrity, Colonel; "he was Senator Davis from who is the most potent factor in the Democratic politics in this city at

present.

It is said that Governor Beaver will not order an election to fill the vacancy, but will allow the place to remain unfilled until the next Legisla ture meets, when the district will be lenied by the Governor's friends. McAlcer could probably get the nom ination if left alone in the district, but outside influence are likely to de feat his ambition. He may get the nelp of the Republican machine in nis tight. Half a dozen candidates will be in the field against him, how ever, as soon as the funeral is over if not before.

-It would be singular if the first long distance electric road should be established in far-away Russia. Such a thing, however, seems more than probable, for a project is now on foot to connect St. Petersburg with Archangel a distance of 5000 miles, by an electric railway. The enterprise, with which the name of the Siemens is connected, is backed by Archangel interests, and the estimated cost of the road, including rolling stock, will be \$15,000 per

—The new disease, alleged to be a successor to the grip and called La Nona, is said to be a form of the was thrown up, until three feet is the head of the dyeing department of pellegra, and to be caused by the use reached. Then standing erect and the Lister Company, Limited, silk of mildewed corn flour which is constretching out his arms, he said: "I works. It is alleged that he has com- sumed in North Italy in the shape of polenta. The victims sink into a for a moment prevailed. The com- ands of pounds. It is expected that peaceful sleep and die unconscious, mand fire was given-a volley rings others will be arrested for complicity instead of sneezing their heads off and living, as in the grip.